

**Welcome, Visitors!** If you are visiting today, we are so pleased that you chose to worship with us. If we can do anything to make you more comfortable during your visit, please feel free to reach out to an usher or our Pastor. Here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we take Communion each Sunday. Anyone who is a follower of Christ is invited to partake. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please speak with Rev. Michael following the service.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome to participate in Worship. We do offer childcare for infants to 3 year olds while parents attend Worship and Sunday School. As an alternative to Sanctuary Worship, we offer Worship and Wonder, an experience designed to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories and learn the Gospel at their own level. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us following the "Children's Blessing."

If you haven't checked out our website and social media pages, we'd love to connect with you in that way:

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**This week at First Christian Church (DOC)**

*CR- Choir Room; C- Conference Room; F-Fellowship Hall;  
FHL-Fa-Ho-Lo Room; S-Sanctuary*

<b>Sunday, July 21</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (S)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship (F)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School

**Monday, July 22**

<b>Tuesday, July 23</b>	
5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting

<b>Wednesday, July 24</b>	
6:30 a.m	Men's Fellowship (Panera)
5:30 p.m	Youth Groups (middle &HS)

**Thursday, July 25**

<b>Friday, July 26</b>	
	Church Office Closed

**Saturday, July 27**

**Announcements**

There will be a Board Meeting on Tuesday night, 7/23, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Church Picnic is scheduled for September 15th at Legion Park.



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 21, 2024

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Jupiter"

The Bringer of Jollity

from “The Planets”

Gustav Holst

\*Call to Worship

Brian Belcher

One: As we sit within this community of faith, so we are fed.

All: Praise and prayer feed our minds and spirits.

One: We are wonderfully fed.

All: The teachings of Jesus bring us to the faithful way.

One: We are graciously fed.

All: The cross of Jesus calls us to the selfless, practical way.

One: We are gloriously fed.

All: The rising of Jesus from death fills us with a timeless, unbounded hope.

\*Hymn #265

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (v. 1,3, & 4)

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Brian Belcher

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Brian Belcher

Psalm 107:1-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Blessing

Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder

(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music

Emily Malone

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

arr.Billingsley

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Death to Life"

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn #558

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (all)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Idylle"

Op. 94, No. 3

Moritz Moszkowski

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion

without regard for denominational affiliation.

You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion

Aloma Dew & Anne Carlisle

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Are Verum Corpus" K618

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Psalm 107:1-9

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Second Reading- Ephesians 2:1-10

2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us

5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—

9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.